



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Police Investigate Attempted Robbery

The Newark Police Department is investigating an attempted robbery which occurred on June 29th, 2011 at approximately 2:50pm in the rear parking lot of 108 East Main Street. During this incident the 29 year old male victim was delivering maintenance supplies to an apartment building and had briefly left his vehicle. When he returned he observed a suspect attempting to remove a laptop computer from within his vehicle. The victim attempted to restrain the suspect and at the same time yelled to a passerby to call 911. While being restrained by the victim the suspect displayed a folding knife and swung it at the victim who then released his grip on the suspect. The suspect then fled on foot towards East Main Street. The victim was uninjured during the altercation.

The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 5'8" tall with short brown crew cut style hair. He was unshaven and was wearing a blue tank top, light blue jean shorts, tan high top work boots and had a silver chain draped between the front and rear pockets of his pants. The suspect was also wearing white earphones in his ears.

Video surveillance may be forthcoming in a subsequent press release.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or greg.delia@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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